

Heart THROBS

STORM, SHIPWRECK AND DANGER TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF LOVE!"

OH, CLIFF, DARLING...
GOBE DON'T TURN
AWAY FROM ME!
I'VE LEARNED
MY LESSON!

LOOK, BLANCHE, I WANT
TO MARRY YOU BUT YOU MUST
STOP BEING A SELFISH
CHILD! YOU MUST
GROW UP!

See-
**A FALSE
ILLUSION**



I FELL FOR MY
FIANCE'S BUDDY
**A SOLDIER'S
DATE**

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Jean, you sure are
for since you put
lose extra pounds!

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I Fell For My Fiancée's Buddy

MY BEST GIRL--AND MY BEST FRIEND! MAKING LOVE WHILE I WAS ON MANEUVERS-- MAKING LOVE BEHIND MY BACK!

BUT, STEVE, WE COULDN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE! WE TRIED NOT TO... BUT WE COULDN'T FIGHT IT!

I THOUGHT I WAS IN LOVE--I THOUGHT THE ENGAGEMENT RING ON MY FINGER INSURANCE AGAINST HEART-BREAK! BUT HOW COULD I FORETELL THE BITTER-SWEET MOMENTS AWAITING ME? HOW COULD I KNOW THAT THE FIANCÉE TO WHOM I TRIED TO BE LOYAL, WAS FORCING ME INTO THE ARMS OF A MAN I FEARED... YES, FEARED... BECAUSE I KNEW IT WAS THIS STRANGER I REALLY LOVED AND WANTED!

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I RAN INTO STEVE BRIGGS AT A DANCE AFTER NOT HAVING SEEN HIM FOR A YEAR OR SO!

WHY, ELLEN...
HELLO! LONG
TIME NO SEE!

STEVE BRIGGS! FOR A
MINUTE I THOUGHT I
WAS BEING
KIDNAPPED!

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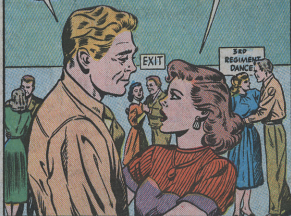


MAYBE YOU ARE! AND THE RANDOM
PRICE YOU'VE GOT TO PAY IS A
KISS!

Y-YOU WOULDN'T
DARE! NOT HERE!

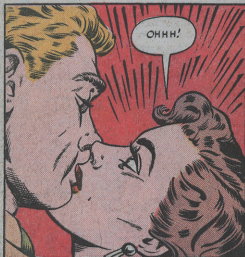
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SUDDENLY
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AND
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ME!

OH...!



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE
DONE THAT! EVERY-
BODY'S LOOKING
AT US!

LET THEM LOOK!
THEY'RE JUST
JEALOUS THEY
DON'T HAVE THE
COURAGE TO DO
THE SAME THING!



DON'T
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BOTTER
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ONLY YOUR EYES! THEY
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I WAS A FOOL NOT
TO HAVE FALLEN FOR
YOU BEFORE! I'VE JUST
DECIDED...FROM NOW ON
YOU AND I ARE GOING
STEADY!



YOU
DECIDED?
HOW ABOUT
ME? DON'T
I HAVE
ANYTHING
TO SAY
ABOUT IT?

SURE! YOU CAN TELL
ME WHAT TIME YOU
WANT ME TO PICK YOU
UP TOMORROW NIGHT!



BUT SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, WHEN HE
TOOK ME HOME, STEVE DIDN'T EVEN TRY
TO KISS ME GOOD NIGHT! HE JUST
STOOD THERE, ALMOST...SHYLY!

YOU'RE SWELL FUN,
ELLEN...IS...IS IT A
DATE FOR TOMORROW
NIGHT AT EIGHT?

WHY, YES...
I'D LOVE IT,
STEVE!



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NATURALLY, I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM! HOW CAN YOU FIGHT A STORM, A CYCLONE THAT BUFFETS YOUR EMOTIONS UNTIL YOU ARE TOO DAZED, TOO CONFUSED TO KNOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS...



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THEN, A FEW WEEKS LATER, HE CAME BURSTING INTO MY HOME WAVING A LETTER AS THOUGH IT WERE A BANNER...

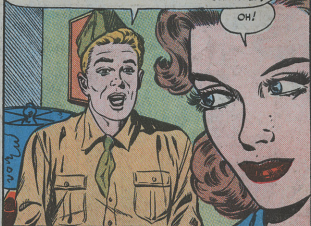
HONEY, I JUST GOT GREAT NEWS! WALT'S COMING HOME! HE'S ON HIS WAY NOW! HE'S AWAITING HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY! ISN'T THAT SOMETHING?

YES... BUT WHO'S WALT?



WALT SHERWOOD? WHY, HE'S MY BEST FRIEND, MY BUDDY! WE GREW UP TOGETHER, EVEN SERVED OVERSEAS TOGETHER! WALT? WHY HE'S THE GREATEST GUY IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

OH!



FOR THE NEXT HOUR I WAS REGALED WITH STORIES OF WALT'S COURAGE, HIS ESCAPADES WITH STEVE...

...AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME WE WENT SKATING ON THE OLD POND! I WAS ALWAYS A HEAVY KID--THE ICE BROKE-- BUT WALT DOVE RIGHT IN AND DRAGGED ME OUT! WHAT A GUY!



IN MY MIND'S EYE I IMAGINED WHAT WALT MUST BE LIKE... PROBABLY BIG... LIKE STEVE... WITH THE SAME CRAZY, DEVIL-MAY-CARE GRIN...



I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL WE GET TOGETHER AGAIN! WAIT'LL YOU MEET HIM! YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE WALT! WE'LL HAVE SWELL TIMES TOGETHER... ALL THREE OF US!



WHEN WALT FINALLY DID ARRIVE, I DIDN'T SEE HIM AT FIRST BECAUSE STEVE SUDDENLY LET OUT A WAR WHOOP AND GRABBED HIM IN A GREAT BEAR HUG...

YAHOO! WALT! YOU OLD SON-OF-A-GUN! YOU LOOK GREAT, FELLA!

OOF! I WON'T BE IF YOU DON'T LET GO! YOU'RE CRACKING MY RIBS! GOSH, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN, STEVE!



ELLEN, THIS IS WALT! WALT, MEET ELLEN HANSON!

OH! H'HELLO!



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SO THIS WAS WALT! NOT A BIG, RECKLESS-LOOKING FELLOW, BUT SLIM, RESERVED, WITH QUIET, THOUGHTFUL EYES...

YOU'RE NOT WHAT I IMAGINED YOU TO BE, WALT!

BUT YOU ARE! STEVE'S LETTERS DESCRIBED YOU SO ACCURATELY I FEEL AS IF I'VE KNOWN YOU A LONG TIME!



STEVE WAS AS HAPPY AS A KID SHOWING OFF A NEW TOY AS HE EXTOLTED MY VIRTUES TO WALT...

ISN'T ELLEN AS BEAUTIFUL AS I SAID SHE WAS, WALT?

I'D SAY SHE WAS EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY, STEVE! I WISH THE TWO OF YOU EVERY HAPPINESS!



HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

YOU AND ELLEN PROBABLY HAVE A DATE PLANNED! I'LL SEE YOU SOMETIME TOMORROW! THREE'S A CROWD, REMEMBER?



NOT FOR US! WE THREE ARE A COMBINATION! YOU'RE MY BEST PAL...AND ELLEN'S MY BEST GIRL! HE CAN'T RUN OUT ON US, CAN HE, ELLEN?

N-NO! OF COURSE NOT!



I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I FELT SHY WITH WALT! I WAS AFRAID TO RAISE MY EYES TO HIS, KNOWING THAT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON I WOULD BLUSH...

NOTHING LIKE A DANCE TO HELP TWO PEOPLE GET ACQUAINTED! GET ON OUT THERE, YOU TWO!

I GUESS WE CAN'T REFUSE THE BIG LUG, CAN WE, ELLEN?



STEVE THINKS A LOT OF YOU!

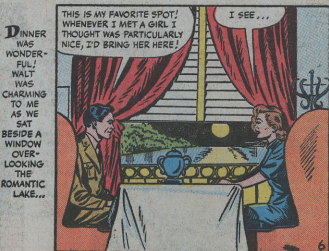
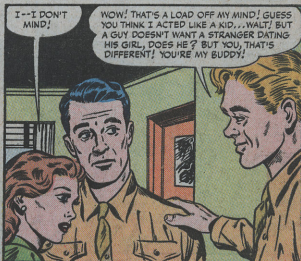
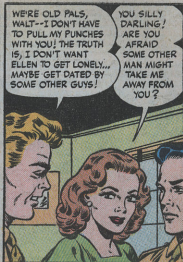
STEVE'S A WONDERFUL GUY! A FELLOW COULDN'T HAVE A BETTER FRIEND! HE'S BIG-HEARTED, GENEROUS... WILLING TO SHARE EVERYTHING...



IF YOU WERE MY GIRL I WOULDN'T LET ANYONE NEAR YOU! I'M GLAD STEVE FOUND SOMEONE LIKE YOU! YOU'RE GOOD FOR HIM!



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AFTERWARD, WE BOTH STROLLED ABOUT THE TERRACE, DRINKING IN THE CLEAN AIR, CAUGHT IN THE SPELL OF MAGIC BEING WOVEN ABOUT US...

ELLEN, I--I THINK I'D BETTER NOT SEE YOU AFTER TONIGHT!

BUT, WALT? WHY...?



YOU KNOW WHY! I DON'T TRUST MYSELF WHEN I'M WITH YOU!

OH... WALT... WALT...



WE BOTH STARED INTO EACH OTHERS EYES, AND THEN, BY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WITHOUT SAYING ANOTHER WORD, WE KISSED!



OH, HEAVEN HELP ME, ELLEN, I LOVE YOU! I LOVED YOU WHEN WE FIRST MET!

I KNOW, DARLING--I KNOW! THAT'S WHY I WAS SO AFRAID OF BEING ALONE WITH YOU!



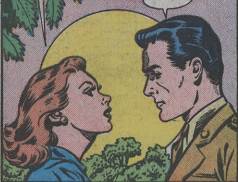
I FEEL LIKE A HEEL! WHAT KIND OF A GUY AM I--STEALING MY FRIEND'S GIRL! OH, ELLEN...

HUSH, DARLING! WE DIDN'T WANT TO FALL IN LOVE, BUT WE DID! WE CAN'T BLAME OURSELVES FOR THAT!



WHEN STEVE RETURNS WE'LL HAVE TO TELL HIM! HE'S GOT TO KNOW!

YES! BUT IT'LL BREAK HIS HEART! I KNOW THAT GUY! OUTSIDE, HE'S BRASH, HEARTY-- BUT INSIDE HE'S REALLY A BIG UNCERTAIN KID!



PERHAPS A NEAR-TRAGEDY COULD HAVE BEEN AVERTED, BUT FOR A SNOOPY NEIGHBOR WHO SPIED WALT AND ME KISSING ONE NIGHT ON OUR PORCH! IF ONLY I'D KNOWN SHE WAS WATCHING...

TILL TOMORROW NIGHT, DARLING!



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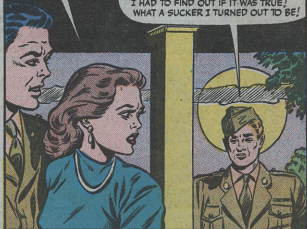
THEN ONE NIGHT, A WEEK LATER, AS WALT WAS GIVING ME A GOOD NIGHT KISS...

I HAD TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES OR I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT!



STEVE!

I GOT A LETTER TELLING ME WHAT YOU TWO WERE UP TO! IT DROVE ME CRAZY! I HAD TO FIND OUT IF IT WAS TRUE! WHAT A SUCKER I TURNED OUT TO BE!



WAIT! WE INTENDED TO TELL YOU...

YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING HEEL! MY *BEST FRIEND!!



OKAY, STEVE! I'LL TURN THE OTHER CHEEK! IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, HIT ME AGAIN! GET THE POISON OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM, THEN MAYBE WE CAN TALK THIS OVER LIKE WE ALWAYS TALKED OVER OTHER THINGS!



YOU'RE THE GUY WE'RE LOOKING FOR! WE THOUGHT WE'D FIND YOU HERE!

STEVE, YOU CRAZY FOOL! YOU WENT A.W.O.L., DIDN'T YOU? YOU CRAZY, HOT-HEADED LUG!



OH, WALT! ~~SOB~~ WHAT WILL THEY DO TO HIM?

HE'LL BE COURT-MARTIALED! WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! WE'VE GOT TO SEE HIS C.O. AT ONCE!



WE MANAGED TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER, AND WE TOLD HIM OUR STORY...

SO YOU SEE, SIR, IN A WAY IT'S OUR FAULT! WE'RE TO BLAME, NOT STEVE!

STEVE'S A GOOD SOLDIER, BUT SOMETIMES HE ACTS LIKE A KID!



THEN

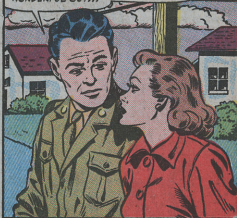
HMM! IN VIEW OF THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND YOUR A-1 RECORD, CHARGES AGAINST YOU ARE DISMISSED!



WALT AND I LEFT, TERRIBLY UPSET! HOW COULD WE BE HAPPY WITH THE THOUGHT OF STEVE'S MISERY COMING BETWEEN US?

WE'D NEVER BE HAPPY...HAUNTED THIS WAY! SO, THIS IS GOOD BYE, ELLEN...MAYBE YOU CAN PATCH THINGS UP WITH STEVE! HE'S A WONDERFUL GUY...

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I DON'T WANT YOU TWO TO GET ANY CRAZY IDEAS!

STEVE!



YOU KNOW, BACK THERE WHAT YOU DID FOR ME GOT ME TO THINKING ABOUT MYSELF! I BEGAN TO REMEMBER THINGS, WALT... HOW EVERYTIME I'D GET INTO TROUBLE, YOU'D GET ME OUT! I'VE JUST BEEN A BIG, SENSELESS KID--BUT I'VE GROWN UP NOW!



I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO YOU, ELLEN, FOR LOVING ME JUST A LITTLE...BUT YOU BELONG TO WALT! I WAS TOO DUMB TO SEE THAT BEFORE!

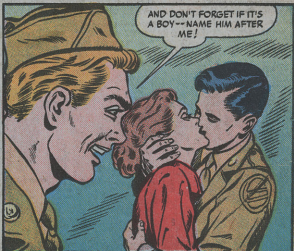
OH, STEVE...
SNIFFS...
YOU SWEET,
SWEET GUY...
SNIFFS



G'WAN, GET TOGETHER, YOU TWO! IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT TO BE BEST MAN AT A WEDDING!



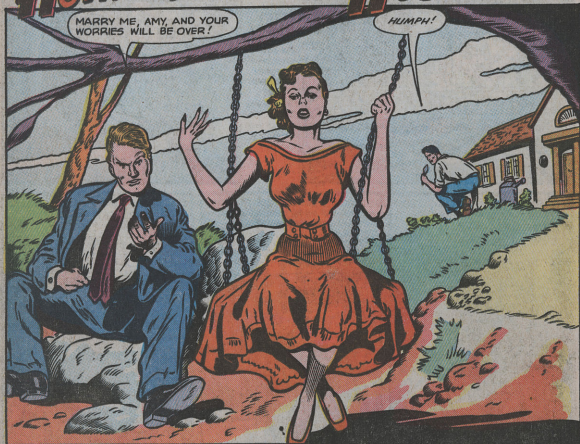
AND DON'T FORGET IF IT'S A BOY--NAME HIM AFTER ME!



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THE OLD MANOR HOUSE WAS THE ONLY SECURITY LEFT TO AUNT MARY AND ME, BUT SOMEHOW IT TOOK A SERIES OF HEART-RENDING EXPERIENCES TO SHOW ME THAT...

Home is where the Heart is!



ONE PARTICULARLY STORMY NIGHT, AUNT MARY AND I WERE TRYING TO KEEP AS COZY AND WARM AS POSSIBLE AND...

UGH...THIS IS A DRAFTY OLD PLACE! I WISH YOU'D COME TO YOUR SENSES, AMY BRADFORD, AND SELL IT! WE'D GET ALONG FINE IN A SMALL EFFICIENCY APARTMENT!

I'LL NEVER SELL! THIS HOUSE IS STILL BEAUTIFUL AND STAUNCH, AND SECURE...

MAYBE 50 ... BUT IS IT WORTH MARRYING ALBERT GRAY, A MAN YOU DON'T LOVE, JUST TO SAVE THIS CRUMBLING OLD PLACE?

THAT'S NOT WHY I'M MARRYING, ALBERT! OF COURSE, I'M GLAD HE'S WILLING TO LIVE HERE AFTER THE WEDDING, BUT ...



IS IT THAT OLD SHUTTER AGAIN? NO! I FIXED THE WHOLE HOUSE IS FALLING TO PIECES-- THIS STORM--

THAT SHUTTER! TODAY, AUNT MARY! SOMEONE'S AT THE FRONT DOOR! BUT WHO--

I WENT TO THE DOOR AND OPENED IT TO A MUDDY, DISREPUTABLE-LOOKING YOUNG MAN! BUT I WAS CAUGHT BY THE TWINKLING GOOD SPIRIT'S IN HIS FRIENDLY EYES!

SPLAT! SPLAT!

HELLO! MY NAME IS TOM HANLEY! LOST MY WAY IN THE STORM! MAY I COME IN?

WHY-- YES-- I SUPPOSE SO!

YOU'D BETTER COME INTO THE KITCHEN AND GET DRY! YOU'RE DRIPPING ALL OVER MY HEIRLOOM RUG!

GIVE THE POOR BOY SOMETHING TO EAT, AMY-- AND STOP WORRYING OVER CONSERVED HEIRLOOMS!

I STUDIED TOM HANLEY'S HANDSOME FEATURES AS HE DEVoured THE FOOD! HE DIDN'T ACT LIKE A TRAMP, BUT HE CERTAINLY LOOKED LIKE ONE!

DID YOU-- UH-- COME TO CENTERVILLE LOOKING FOR AH-- MIGHT CALL WORK?

WELL, YES, YOU-- IT THAT!

YOU--AH-- MUST HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR QUITE SOME TIME! HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE ROAD LONG?

ON THE ROAD? OH, YES, QUITE SOME TIME!

WELL, YOU HAVE A JOB HERE, YOUNG MAN, IF YOU WANT IT! WE CAN USE A HANDY-MAN AROUND THE PLACE!

AUNT MARY! YOU KNOW WE CAN'T AFFORD EVEN TO-- WELL, WE CAN'T AFFORD A HANDY-MAN!

I KNEW I WANTED HIM TO STAY AND I KNEW HE WANTED TO STAY-- SO...

IF--IF YOU'RE DESPERATE ENOUGH TO WORK FOR ROOM AND BOARD, PERHAPS-- IT'S A DEAL-- AND A PLEASURE! I'LL GET BUSY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

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As the days passed, life suddenly took on a new excitement with Tom there! He was fun... but Albert didn't like it at all! One day when Albert paid us a call...



I DON'T TRUST THAT HANDY-MAN, AMY! WITH ALL THE WORKMEN WE KNOW, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO PICK A STRANGER? OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET RID OF HIM!

BUT HE'S ... VERY HELPFUL!



WELL, AFTER WE'RE MARRIED I HOPE YOU'LL BE MORE CONSIDERATE OF MY WISHES! GOOD-BYE!

GOOD-BYE, ALBERT!

WITH AN UNEXPLAINABLE HEAVINESS IN MY HEART I WATCHED ALBERT LEAVE! SUDDENLY ...

SO-- THAT'S THE BIG MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE! TCH! TCH! YOU CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH HIM, AMY!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALBERT? I ... I'M GOING TO ... MARRY HIM!

THE HOUSE ISN'T WORTH IT, AMY! I KNOW WHY YOU'RE MARRYING ALBERT--AND IT'S WRONG--TERRIBLY WRONG! YOU'LL REGRET IT!

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME! YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS HOUSE!

I KNOW THAT WE LOVE EACH OTHER--AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! YOU DON'T THINK IT WAS ROOM AND BOARD THAT KEPT ME HERE THAT FIRST NIGHT! WHY MY HEART'S BEEN DOING NIP UPS EVER SINCE WE MET! AND I KNOW IT'S TRUE OF YOU TOO!



THEN OUR LIPS MET! AND THE MUNDANE WORLD FELL AWAY!

I WAS SO CONFUSED! WAS I IN LOVE WITH TOM OR ALBERT?

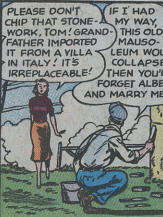


NO, IT CAN'T BE! IT ISN'T FAIR! OH, WHY DID HE HAVE TO COME HERE AND MIX ME UP SO! I'VE GOT TO THINK CLEARLY! OH, TOM--



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I TRIED TO BLOT OUT MY FEELINGS BY BEING COOL AND RE-SERVED WITH TOM! BUT HE WOULDN'T COOPERATE!



WE MIGHT GET A LITTLE HUNGRY AT TIMES! BUT THINK OF THE FUN WE'D HAVE!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING A "HOBBO'S" WIFE, NOW OR EVER! PLEASE FINISH THAT JOB! THEN I WANT YOU TO REPAIR THE PARLOR CEILING!

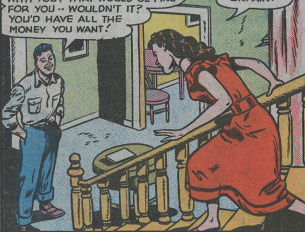


HIS TEASING ONLY MADE MATTERS WORSE! AND THE NEXT DAY AS I RETURNED FROM A WALK...



MAYBE SOME MYSTERIOUS MILLIONAIRE IS SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH YOU! THAT WOULD BE FINE FOR YOU! WOULDN'T IT? YOU'D HAVE ALL THE MONEY YOU WANT!

THAT'S HATEFUL, TOM! AND UNFAIR!



THEN THE NEXT DAY, AN UNEXPECTED PACKAGE ARRIVED! I OPENED IT AND...

WHAT IN THE WORLD...? IT'S A PAINTING, BUT WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A MODERN ABSTRACT PAINTING... AND VERY VALUABLE! BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE SEND IT TO ME? IS THIS A JOKE?



MAYBE THEY MEANT FOR YOU TO HANG IT UP IN THE PARLOR... GIVE THIS MUSTY OLD ROOM A LITTLE LIFE! THIS HOUSE CERTAINLY NEEDS IT!

DON'T TALK THAT WAY, AUNT MARY!

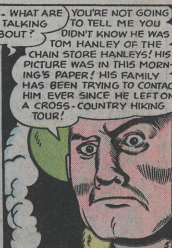
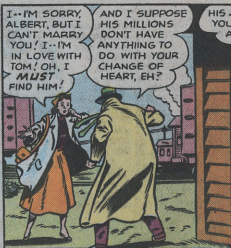
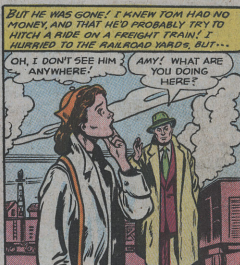
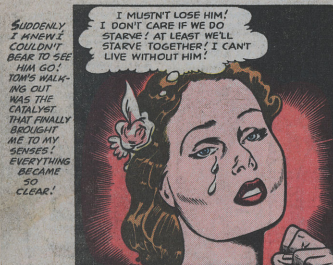
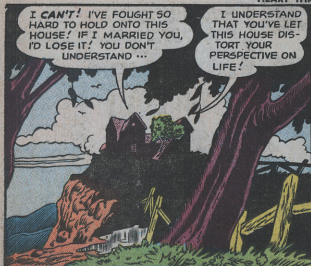


SHE'S RIGHT, AMY! FORGET THE HOUSE... FORGET ALBERT! AND TAKE YOUR CHANCES WITH ME! I LOVE YOU AND I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!

NO... PLEASE, TOM!



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I WAS LONELY AND BLUE! EACH SATURDAY NITE WAS THE SAME, TEARFUL AND DATELESS! I HAD BEEN TAUGHT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO MEET A BOY WAS BY INTRODUCTION! BUT THE OPPORTUNITY NEVER CAME AND MY LIFE SEEMED DESTINED TO UNHAPPINESS UNTIL I BECAME...

A Soldier's Date



MY SOLDIER'S CUTE, ISN'T HE?

UH HUH! THEY THINK WE DON'T KNOW THEY'RE ARGUING ABOUT WHO PAYS THE CHECK! LET'S MAKE THIS ONE A DUTCH TREAT AND PAY OUR OWN!

I USED TO ENVY OTHER GIRLS THEIR DATES AND GOOD TIMES!

THAT EDNA WISE IS UP TO NO GOOD! YOU OUGHT TO THANK ME FOR SEEING THAT YOU DON'T BEHAVE LIKE A YOUNG HUSSY!

AUNT ALICE! BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH GOING TO THE MOVIES WITH BOYS!



WHAT ABOUT STAYING OUT UNTIL PAST MIDNIGHT? DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T SEEN HER PARKED OUT IN SOME WHIPPERSNAPPER'S CAR, KISSING AND CARRYING ON! IF I EVER CAUGHT YOU AT IT, YOU'D BE SORRY, YOUNG LADY!

I'M EIGHTEEN! YOU'D THINK I COULD GO OUT WITH FRIENDS ONCE IN A WHILE!



THAT WILL DO, SHIRLEY! WHEN YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH FOR GENTLEMEN CALLERS, I'LL HELP YOU SELECT PROPER ONES!

MEANWHILE I STAY HOME WHILE OTHER GIRLS HAVE FUN! HOW CAN I FIND SOMEONE WHO'LL LOVE ME IF I NEVER MEET ANYONE!



MY CHANCE CAME A FEW EVENINGS LATER!

HI, SHIRLEY! I HEAR YOUR AUNT IS VISITING HER SISTER OUT IN BAYVIEW! HOW 'BOUT COMING ALONG FOR A SODA?

I DON'T KNOW, EDNA! MY AUNT WOULD HAVE A FIT IF SHE KNEW I WENT OUT ALONE!

BUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH HAVING A SODA?

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT! GOSH, IT WOULDN'T DO ANY HARM TO WALK UP TO POP'S FOR A SODA!

AND SO!

LOOK AT THOSE TWO CUTE SOLDIERS GIVING US THE ONCE-OVER! EVER SINCE CAMP WALKER OPENED UP AGAIN, I'VE MET MORE TERRIFIC MEN!

YOU MEAN... YOU JUST MAKE FRIENDS WITH THEM, WITHOUT AN INTRO-DUCTION?

YOU ARE A SHELTERED LITTLE KID, AREN'T YOU? LOOK, JUST DO WHAT I DO AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS! THEY'RE JUST DYING TO COME OVER AND TALK TO US!

BUT WE DON'T KNOW THEM! I THINK I'D BETTER GO HOME, EDNA!

I WAS TERRIFIED AT THE THOUGHT OF MEETING TWO STRANGE MEN, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT ONE OF THEM KEPT ME GLUED TO THE SPOT! AND BEFORE LONG, EDNA'S TECHNIQUE GOT RESULTS!

OKAY, SMITTY, IF YOU INSIST, WE'LL GO DANCING! BUT I DON'T USUALLY GO OUT WITH GUYS I DON'T KNOW!

YOU'LL KNOW ME IN A LITTLE WHILE, SUGAR! I GET ACQUAINTED FAST!

I...I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO GO WITHOUT ME! I CAN'T STAY OUT LATE!

IN THAT CASE, I'LL KEEP YOU COMPANY FOR AWHILE! I'D SOONER GO FOR A WALK AND TALK TO YOU ANYWAY!

KILLJOYS! COME ON, SMITTY! LET'S LEAVE THE OLD FOLKS TO THEIR ROCKING CHAIRS!

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF GIRL WHO'D WANT TO GO TO DANCELAND, ANYWAY! HOW ABOUT TELLING ME ABOUT YOURSELF AND THEN I'LL BORE YOU WITH MY LIFE STORY!



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I WAS NERVOUS, FINDING MYSELF ALONE WITH PETE SHERLOCK! BUT AFTER WE HAD CHATTED A WHILE, HIS FRIENDLY, POLITE MANNER MADE ME FORGET HE WAS A STRANGER!

I'LL BET YOUR AUNT WOULD TRUST YOU, IF SHE KNEW YOU BETTER! I GUESS I'M LUCKY... MY FOLKS LIKE TO HAVE THE YOUNG CROWD OVER!

NO WONDER YOU'RE HOMESICK, PETE! I WISH I HAD A FAMILY LIKE THAT!



FUNNY, I'M NOT HOMESICK, RIGHT NOW! TALKING TO YOU IS LIKE BEING WITH AN OLD FRIEND! AND A PRETTY ONE, AT THAT!

YOU'LL PROBABLY LAUGH AT ME, BUT... I EXPECTED YOU TO BE LIKE EDNA'S CROWD! YOU KNOW... KIND OF RACY AND FRESH!



I'M GLAD I DIDN'T DISAPPOINT YOU, SHIRLEY! SMITTY'S IN MY OUTFIT BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH IN COMMON! THIS PICK-UP ROUTINE WAS HIS IDEA!

I HOPE YOU AREN'T SORRY, PETE! I'M... AWFULLY GLAD I MET YOU!

AS WE WALKED, I COULDN'T STOP THE WILD BEATING OF MY HEART AS PETE TOOK MY HAND IN HIS!



THIS WASN'T JUST A PICK-UP, SHIRLEY! PLEASE BELIEVE THAT! WE'RE GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

I HOPE SO! I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD REALLY HAPPEN!



CAN YOU GET OUT SOMEHOW, SO WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN NEXT WEEK? FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME, I'D BETTER NOT CALL FOR YOU AT HOME!

NO! NO, I'LL PHONE YOU AT THE NUMBER YOU GAVE ME, PETE! I'LL FIND A WAY TO GET AWAY FROM MY AUNT!



WELL, UNTIL THEN, SHIRLEY! THIS WILL GIVE ME SOMETHING TO DREAM ABOUT!

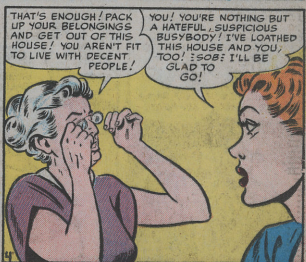
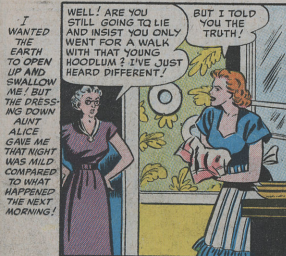
OH, PETE... I'VE DREAMED ABOUT BEING HELD IN SOMEONE'S ARMS LIKE THIS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!



BUT IT WAS HAPPENING! I WAS BEING KISSED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE RAPTURE OF IT LEFT ME BREATHLESS!

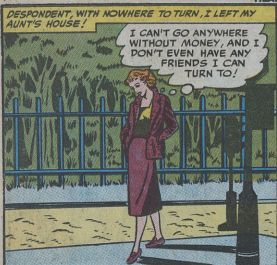


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DEPENDENT, WITH NOWHERE TO TURN, I LEFT MY AUNT'S HOUSE!

I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT MONEY, AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY FRIENDS I CAN TURN TO!



EXCEPT MAYBE... PETE! I KNOW HE LIKED ME, AND HE'D WANT TO HELP IF I WAS IN TROUBLE! I'LL PHONE HIM!



AND MINUTES LATER, I FELT THE SAME THRILL I HAD EXPERIENCED WHEN PETE KISSED ME, AS I HEARD HIS REASSURING VOICE!

STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, SHIRLEY! I'M OFF DUTY NOW BUT IT'LL TAKE A WHILE BEFORE I CAN GET A CAMP BUS! AND DON'T WORRY!

I WON'T, PETE! AND... THANKS!



HE DIDN'T EVEN ASK ANY QUESTIONS! HE IS FOND OF ME! MAYBE HE... EVEN FEELS THE WAY I DO, AND IT'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!

MY HEART SANG AS I WAITED FOR PETE! BUT MINUTES DRAGGED INTO HOURS, AND FINALLY IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WASN'T GOING TO MEET ME!



ER... KIND OF LATE FOR YOU TO BE OUT, ISN'T IT, MISS BARRETT?

I WAS... GOING TO MEET A FRIEND, BUT... I GUESS I MIXED UP MY DATES!



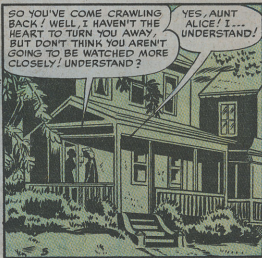
WHY DIDN'T PETE JUST TELL ME HE COULDN'T BE BOTHERED WITH MY TROUBLES? WHY DID HE MAKE ME THINK I HAD A FRIEND AND THEN... LET ME DOWN?

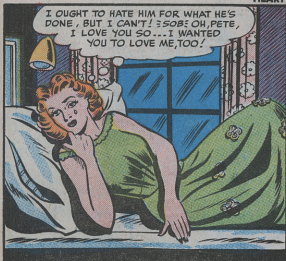
I MUST HAVE WANDERED AROUND FOR ANOTHER MISERABLE HOUR BEFORE I COULD HUMBLE MYSELF TO GO BACK TO THE DISMAL PLACE I CALLED HOME!



SO YOU'VE COME CRAWLING BACK! WELL, I HAVEN'T THE HEART TO TURN YOU AWAY, BUT DON'T THINK YOU AREN'T GOING TO BE WATCHED MORE CLOSELY! UNDERSTAND?

YES, AUNT ALICE! I... UNDERSTAND!

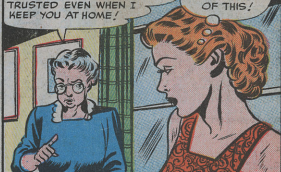




AND IF MY LIFE WITH AUNT ALICE HAD BEEN AGONY BEFORE, IT WAS SHEER TORMENT AFTER THAT!

DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT GETTING A JOB! I PROMISED YOUR POOR, DEAR MOTHER I'D LOOK AFTER YOU, AND HEAVEN KNOWS YOU AREN'T TO BE TRUSTED EVEN WHEN I KEEP YOU AT HOME!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO GET OUT! I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE OF THIS!



THEN, AS IF IN ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS!

THAT'S IT! SHE COULDN'T STOP ME FROM JOINING THE WAC... AND I'D BE FREE! MAYBE I... I'D EVEN FORGET PETE IF I WAS BUSY ENOUGH!



AND SOON!

YOU'RE CERTAINLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YOUR JOB HERE, SHIRLEY! AREN'T YOU EVER LONESOME FOR YOUR FAMILY?

MY FAMILY? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I DON'T MISS ANYBODY!



EXCEPT YOU, PETE! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU OR THAT GOOD NIGHT KISS! IT WAS SO WONDERFUL... MAYBE IT JUST COULDN'T LAST!



NOT EVEN MY BUSY LIFE AS A WAC COULD ERASE THE BITTER MEMORY OF THOSE FEW HAPPY MOMENTS WITH PETE, AND THE CRUSHING DIS-APPOINTMENT OF LEARNING I MEANT NOTHING TO HIM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHIRLEY? NO DATE? GOSH, I KNOW PLENTY OF FELLOWS WHO'D LOVE TO TAKE YOU OUT!

NO, THANKS, PAT! I... DON'T CARE TO GO OUT WITH ANYONE!



SAY NO MORE! YOU'VE GOT A STEADY AND YOU'D RATHER SIT AROUND THE BARRACKS AND DAYDREAM!

WHAT A FOOL I AM, MISSING ALL THE FUN BECAUSE OF A MAN WHO PROBABLY NEVER GAVE ME A SECOND THOUGHT! BUT I CAN'T HELP LOVING YOU, PETE! I CAN'T!

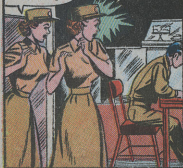


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THEN, ONE EVENING AT THE P.X., I CAUGHT MY BREATH AT THE SIGHT OF A FAMILIAR FACE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHIRLEY? YOU LOOK WHITER THAN A SHEET IN A SOAP AD!

IT CAN'T BE! PETE SHERLOCK!



EXCUSE ME, PAT! I... I DON'T THINK I'D BETTER STAY HERE!

SHIRLEY! SHIRLEY, WAIT!



I'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU, PETE! I DON'T WANT TO BE HURT AGAIN!

BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU, DARLING! WHEN I WALKED AWAY FROM THE PHONE AFTER TALKING TO YOU, THE SERGEANT NABBED ME FOR A FIRE-FIGHTING PATROL!



I WAS UP IN THE HILL COUNTRY FOR TWO DAYS, GOING CRAZY BECAUSE I COULDN'T REACH YOU! AND AFTER THEY TRANSFERRED ME TO THIS CAMP, I WROTE ALMOST EVERY DAY, BUT YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY LETTERS, I... FIGURED YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME!

YOUR LETTERS?



SO THAT'S WHY MY AUNT NEVER LET ME TAKE THE MAIL OUT OF THE BOX! OH, PETE, IF WE HADN'T MET HERE, I'D HAVE GONE ON BELIEVING THAT I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU!

AFTER THAT KISS, SHIRLEY? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME NOT TO LOVE YOU?



I DO, SHIRLEY! I KNEW IT THE MINUTE I SAW YOU AND ITS GROWN STRONGER EVERY DAY SINCE THEN! I LOVE YOU!

I LOVE YOU, TOO, PETE! AND THERE'S NO ONE TO STAND BETWEEN US NOW, DEAREST! THERE NEVER WILL BE!



AND AS PETE CRUSHED ME IN HIS ARMS, SHOWERING MY EAGER LIPS WITH KISSES, I KNEW THAT FATE HAD ARRANGED THAT "SOLDIER'S MEETING TO GIVE US BOTH THE MIRACLE OF LOVE!



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by *Marilyn Minton*

Dear Miss Minton:

I am writing to you because I know people who have been helped by your advice, I hope you can help me, too. Two months ago I started going steady with a boy my age, sixteen. I gave up my other dates and have been seeing only him. Now he's decided he wants to see other girls occasionally, but he doesn't want me to see other boys. I would still like to go steady with him. What shall I do?

Sincerely
Margaret W.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Margaret:

There's little question as to what you should do in this instance. Start seeing your other friends. If you still like this boy and he wants to see you on this basis, you can enjoy his companionship, too. At sixteen, you will find this a rewarding relationship in friendship and good fun.

Marilyn Minton

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Dear Marilyn Minton:

Please help me convince my parents that I should be allowed to stay out after midnight on Saturday night dates. I'm fifteen years old but they still insist that I meet their curfew hour. Mother said I could write you for advice on this.

Yours truly
Dorothy T.
Houston, Texas

Dear Dorothy:

Why not try to come to an agreement with your parents in which you will abide by their wishes on regular Saturday night date hours and request that on special prom dates or parties that they extend the hour somewhat. They will surely agree that this is a fair arrangement.

Marilyn Minton

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Dear Miss Minton:

My steady girl is starting to go out with other fellows, including my best buddy. She tells me about it

and we argue. Should I talk to the guys, or break up with her permanently?

Very truly yours,
Martin O.
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Martin:

Neither of your ideas would be too effective. Discontinue the arguments by starting to see other girls yourself. You can still date the girl you mention. Going steady is not desirable unless both parties concerned really want it that way.

Marilyn Minton

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Dear Marilyn Minton:

I have asked one particular boy in my class to two parties and to a girls' club dance, but he has turned me down every time. I like him very much and another party is coming up. Do you think I should invite him again?

Sincerely yours
E.V.
Manitowoc, Wis.

Dear E.V.:

By all means invite another boy and try to become interested in someone other than this boy you write about. He will see that you have other friends and if he is at all interested, he will ask you for a date himself in time. Good luck.

Marilyn Minton

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ALL MY LIFE I HAD RETREATED FROM REALITY! I HAD ALWAYS AVOIDED RESPONSIBILITY BY PRETENDING TO BE IN ILL HEALTH, FRAGILE! UNTIL I MET CLIFF CONNELL... CLIFF, SO STRONG, SO SELF RELIANT! HE DIDN'T WANT A SPOILED, SELFISH WEAKLING! IT WAS THEN THAT I FELT THE BITTERNESS, THE UTTER FRUSTRATION OF REJECTED LOVE WHEN HE SAID I WAS A SHAM... AND...

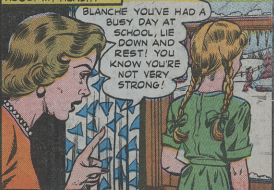
A False Illusion



JUST BEFORE I WAS BORN, MY BROTHER DIED OF PNEUMONIA! THIS TERRIBLE SHOCK CAUSED MOTHER TO BE OVERLY-ANXIOUS ABOUT ME!



AND SO I GREW, MOTHER WAS ALWAYS HOVERING OVER ME ANXIOUSLY, CONSTANTLY WORRYING ABOUT MY HEALTH...



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BUT I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY MOTHER'S KINDNESS AND USED MY SUPPOSED FRAILTY TO SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY!

BLANCHE, WOULD YOU GO OUT AND GET SOME BUTTER FOR ME AT THE GROCER'S?

OH, MOTHER-- MUST I? I'VE SUCH A SPUTTING HEADACHE!

ALL RIGHT, DEAR-- I'LL GO! BY THE WAY, I SAW BILL ROGERS SQUIRING PORTIA DENTON AROUND TOWN! I THOUGHT HE WAS SWEET ON YOU!

WHO CARES ABOUT BILL ROGERS? I WANT TO JUST LIE HERE AND REST! I'M SO EXHAUSTED!

YES IT WAS EASIER TO BE 'SICK', NOT TO COMPETE WITH OTHER GIRLS FOR A MAN, BY WITHDRAWING INTO SAFE DAY-DREAMS WHERE I WAS QUEEN OF MY DREAM WORLD!



AND THEN ONE SUMMER, AS WE VACATIONED AT AN OCEAN RESORT...

MOTHER.. BLANCHE.. THIS IS MR. CLIFF CONNELL!

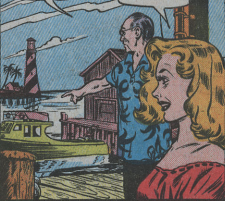
MY PLEASURE, LADIES!

OH! H-HOW DO YOU DO, MR. CONNELL!



MR. CONNELL HAS INVITED US TO SPEND THE DAY WITH HIM ON HIS BOAT!

OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL, MR. CONNELL, BUT I'M AFRAID-- I MIGHT GET SEASICK-- I GET DIZZY SPELLS SO EASILY!



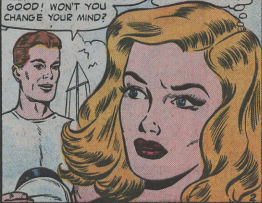
WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF BLANCHE'S HEALTH! SHE'S NEVER BEEN VERY STRONG!

REALLY? FROM HER WONDERFUL COMPLEXION I WOULD HAVE NEVER GUESSED IT!



BUT THE SEA'S SO CALM TODAY -- AND THE BREEZES MIGHT DO YOU A LOT OF GOOD! WON'T YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

HE'S SO HANDSOME! I WANT TO GO... JUST TO BE NEAR HIM!

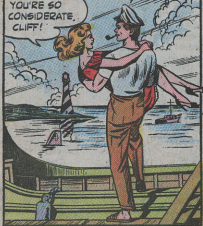


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THERE WAS A LOOK OF TENDER CONCERN ON CLIFF'S FACE AS HE CARRIED ME IN HIS STRONG ARMS! I LEANED AGAINST HIS DEEP CHEST... CONTENT!

JUST RELAX! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU DON'T EXHAUST YOURSELF!

SIGH: YOU'RE SO CONSIDERATE, CLIFF!



NOW AS CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP, I ORDER YOU TO SPEND A QUIET DAY OF REST! REMEMBER, THAT'S AN ORDER!

AYE-AYE, CAPTAIN!



BUT THE SEA AIR WAS TOO STIMULATING! I SOON GREW TIRED OF FEIGNING ANY WEAKNESS -

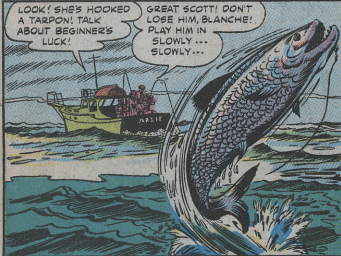
I FEEL SO MUCH STRONGER NOW! SO MUCH SO I'D EVEN LIKE TO LEARN TO FISH!

GREAT! TAKE OVER MY LINE!



LOOK! SHE'S HOOKED A TARPON! TALK ABOUT BEGINNER'S LUCK!

GREAT SCOTT! DON'T LOSE HIM, BLANCHE! PLAY HIM IN SLOWLY... SLOWLY...



I SOON FORGOT MY HELPLESSNESS AS I LOST MYSELF IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE GRUELLING BATTLE WITH THE LEAPING SEA-GIANT!

THAT'S IT! SHORTEN YOUR LINE SLOWLY...



YOU GOT HIM, BLANCHE!... WHAT A BATTLE HE GAVE YOU!

YE-ES! IT'S AMAZING HOW A WEAK GIRL LIKE YOU COULD HAVE HAULED IN SUCH A MONSTER!



I SUDDENLY REALIZED I HAD GIVEN MYSELF AWAY! I HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO COVER UP MY MISTAKE...

OH!! SHE'S FAINTED! SHE OVERTAXED HER STRENGTH FIGHTING THE TARPON! SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!

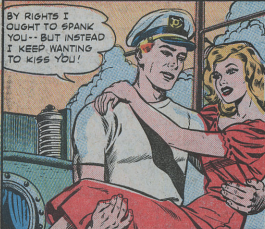
NO... SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!



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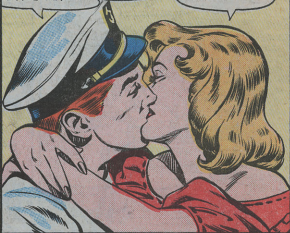
THIS TIME THERE WAS NO CONCERN ON CLIFF'S FACE--HIS LOOK WAS GRIM AND SET!...

BY RIGHTS I OUGHT TO SPANK YOU-- BUT INSTEAD I KEEP WANTING TO KISS YOU!



BLANCHE.. YOU BEWITCHING LITTLE DEVIL ...

OH, DARLING ... DARLING ...



OH, CLIFF.... DEAREST!

NOW LISTEN TO ME, BLANCHE, I LOVE YOU-- BUT YOU'VE GOT TO STOP PRETENDING YOU'RE SO...



SUDDENLY HIS WORDS BROKE OFF AS HE STARED WITH GROWING HORROR AT THE SUDDENLY DARK, BROODING SKY...

GREAT SCOTT! THUNDERHEADS! WE'RE IN FOR A BIG BLOW! WE'D BETTER START FOR LAND!



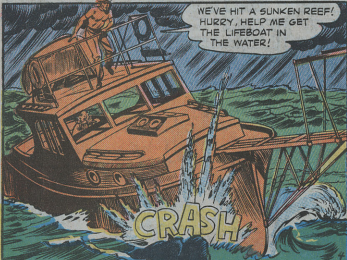
MOMENTS LATER, THE STORM HIT US, FLINGING OUR CRAFT AROUND IN THE VIOLENT WATERS AS THOUGH IT WERE A TOY!

UHHH! MY LEG!

OH! DAD!



WE'VE HIT A SUNKEN REEF! HURRY, HELP ME GET THE LIFEBOAT IN THE WATER!



THE NEXT MOMENTS WERE A NIGHT-MARE AS CLIFF BENT OVER THE OARS UNTIL WE HIT A BEACH ...

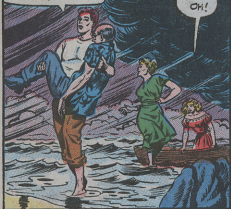
CLIFF! HELP ME! CARRY ME!



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GET OUT AND WALK! IT'S YOUR FATHER WHO NEEDS CARRYING! HIS LEG'S BEEN HURT-- MAYBE BROKEN!

OH!



CLIFF FINALLY FOUND US SHELTER--A CAVE-- AND THERE WE Huddled AS CLIFF MADE A RUDE SPLINT FOR FATHER'S LEG!

UHH-- THANKS, SON!

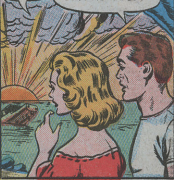
THERE --THAT SHOULD DO, TILL WE'RE PICKED UP!

LOOK! THE SKIES ARE CLEARING! THE STORM'S BLOWING OVER!



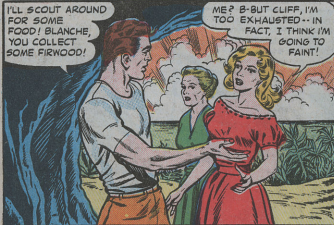
OH, YOUR BEAUTIFUL BOAT-- IT'S SINKING!

IT'S INSURED! IT'S MORE IMPORTANT WE THINK ABOUT SURVIVAL NOW! THE SUN'S GOING DOWN! SOON IT WILL START GETTING COLD!



I'LL SCOUT AROUND FOR SOME FOOD! BLANCHE, YOU COLLECT SOME FIRWOOD!

ME? B-BUT CLIFF, I'M TOO EXHAUSTED-- IN FACT, I THINK I'M GOING TO FAINT!



YOU REST, DEAR --I'LL GO!

NO YOU WON'T! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOUR DAUGHTER MADE HERSELF USEFUL, INSTEAD OF BEING JUST A PARASITE! WITH YOUR PAMPERING YOU MEANT WELL BUT IT MADE HER A SELFISH WEAKLING!



OH, YOU -- YOU! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT! I WON'T STAY HERE ANOTHER MINUTE!

BLANCHE!

LET HER GO! SHE'LL BE BACK!



AS I CRIED I KNEW IT WAS NOT BECAUSE I WAS ANGRY, BUT BECAUSE I WAS HURT-- HE HAD STRIPPED ME OF PRETENSE --

HOW DARE HE INSULT ME? SOB! OH, I HATE HIM ... I HATE HIM...



HEART THROBS

NIGHT
DESCENDED
SNIFTLY!
OH, I WAS
STUBBORN,
BUT
SOON
I SAW
THE
COZY
GLOW
OF A
FIRE
WITHIN
THE
CAVE!
AND
THEN I
BEGAN
TO
SMELL
FOOD...

Y-Y-YOU'D THINK HE'D COME
OVER AND OFFER ME SOME
FOOD! }SNIFF{ }SNIFF{
OH, THAT BRUTE!
}SNIFF{
}SNIFF{



BUT, I FINALLY GAVE IN.. GOING
BACK LIKE A PETULANT, YET
SHAME-FACED CHILD BEGGING
FORGIVENESS...

I-I'M
HUNGRY!
WHAT ARE
YOU
EATING?

BARBECUED TURTLE
MEAT! IT'S VERY
DELICIOUS! BY
RIGHTS I SHOULDN'T
EVEN GIVE YOU ANY
FOOD! YOU
DON'T DESERVE
ANY!



I FOUND THE TURTLE --
YOUR MOTHER GATHERED
WOOD-- AND EVEN YOUR
FATHER WITH HIS
BROKEN LEG MANAGED
TO BUILD THE
FIRE! THEY
WORKED FOR
THEIR FOOD--
-- BUT YOU
DIDN'T!

OH,
CLIFF--
I'M
SORRY..



THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, BLANCHE! I WANT YOU
TO BE ASHAMED, TO REALIZE YOU MUST
CHANGE! I WANT TO MARRY YOU,
BLANCHE-- BUT YOU'RE UNFIT
FOR MARRIAGE!

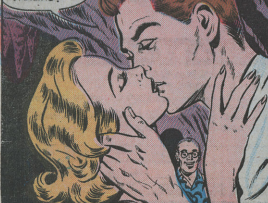


OH, DARLING, DON'T
TURN ME AWAY!
I'VE LEARNED MY
LESSON, CLIFF--
I'VE GROWN UP
AT LAST!



ALL RIGHT,
BLANCHE--AND
JUST TO MAKE
SURE YOU DON'T
EVER BECOME
CHILDISH
AGAIN...

HERE'S A KISS
TO SEAL OUR
BARGAIN,
DARLING!



LOOK! A SHIP! THANK,
HEAVEN! I'LL BE GLAD
TO GET OFF THIS
DESERTED SPOT!

NOT TOO DESERTED --
I FOUND A WIFE
HERE!



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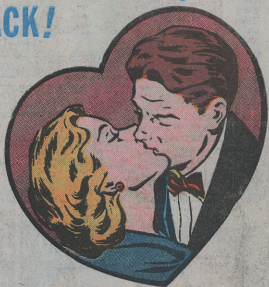
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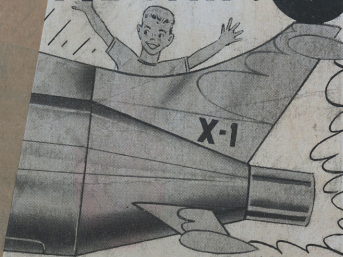
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